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Title: SURGICAL CLAMP INSERTS WITH HOOKED TRACTION  
ELEMENTS

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 35 USC 116

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted responsive to the Office  
Action mailed October 9, 2007. Please amend the  
application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this  
paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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